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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

1. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED A CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANGIE ON THE DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR
MELOY AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN BEIRUT. PLEASE FORWARD THE
FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SULEIMAN
FRANGIE BY WHATEVER MEANS CONVENIENT:

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

"I DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON
THE TRAGIC DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR MELOY, COUNSELOR WARING,
AND THEIR LEBANESE DRIVER. IT HAS MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO
ME AND TO THEIR FAMILIES TO RECEIVE THE MANY EXPRESSIONS
OF SYMPATHY AT THIS SAD TIME.

"DESPITE THIS SENSELESS ACT, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT
BE DETERRED FROM ITS SEARCH FOR PEACE. SINCERELY, GERALD
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R. FORD."

3. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF
THIS MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE HOST GOVERNMENT
DESIRES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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